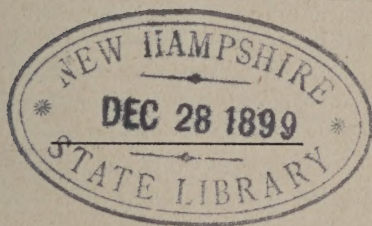


REPORTS
OF THE
SELECTMEN,
AND
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF ALEXANDRIA,
FOR THE
YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.



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Report of Selectmen.

The Selectmen credit the Town for the year ending March 1 1883, as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Amount in notes,		\$1,067.95
“ cash,		494.74
March 14,	Rec'd of W. H. Noyes, interest,	18.10
Apr. 15,	for clothes of B. C. Sleeper, sold,	3.00
	from N. H. Land Co., taxes,	18.88
May 15,	of the County of Grafton,	104.00
30,	E. C. Merrill, interest on note,	1.10
July 29,	“ “ collector for 1882,	90.93
Aug. 26,	“ “ “ “	238.10
Sept. 30,	“ “ “ “	688.85
Oct. 28,	“ “ “ “	948.75
Nov. 7,	“ “ “ “	205.09
15,	from County of Grafton,	191.13
25,	of E. C. Merrill, collector of 1882,	1,090.86
27,	Railroad tax,	11.30
	Savings bank tax,	279.90
	Literary fund,	92.00
	Bounty on wild animals,	42.80
Dec. 30,	of P. T. Ackerman, tax, cost and interest, on E. J. Ackerman's homestead,	19.42
	E. C. Merrill, collector for 1882,	622.90
	for invoice book returned,	.50
Jan. 27,	grass sold in Healey cemetery,	4.97
	of E. C. Merrill, collector for 1882,	173.01
Feb. 20,	from County of Grafton, on Sugar Loaf road,	75.00
26,	for use of town hall,	8.00

Feb. 26, Rec'd from James H. Abbott,	\$10.33
Alfred Sleeper,	8.98
of E. C. Merrill, collector for 1882,	1,119.04
28, E. C. Merrill,	175.32
Due G. H. Berry,	3.50
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	\$7,808.45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid County tax,	\$753.09
State tax,	488.00
District No. 3, School house tax,	10.00
" 1, " "	207.20
Several School Districts,	797 02
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	\$2,255.31

Paid on Notes.

S. B. Sleeper, note and interest in full,	\$659.21
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Miscellaneous Items.

E. M. Tenney, sawing wood for town house,	\$.40
J. B. Sanborn, col. and highway books,	6.40
J. P. Martin, cleaning town hall,	2.00
R. W. Musgrove, printing reports and stationery,	21.15
Fowler & Calley, certificates of births and deaths,	4.00
J. W. Atwood, painting graveyard fence,	18.00
J. M. Bishop, certificate births and deaths,	.75
I. S. Chase, " " "	2.50
J. B. Sanborn, highway books,	1.00
C. E. Davis, copying inventory,	2.50
" " expense to Danbury on Chas. Brailey case,	2 00
" " " Squire Brailey case,	2.00
W. F. Simonds, services as Moderator,	1.25
" " expense to Danbury on Chas. Brailey case,	1.75
Albert Healey, damage to wagon,	5.00
Warren Tucker, bounty on crows,	16.90
G. A. Bullock, ministerial fund,	18.00
Cyrus Taylor, paint and oil for graveyard,	25.40
C. E. Davis, bounty on crows,	8.50

G. A. Rollins, wood for town hall 1881,	\$2.00
Luke Gale, bar steel and express,	3.15
C. E. Davis, expense to Andover on Seavey case,	2.50
Warren Tucker, copying invoice,	2.50
Horace Keazer, damage to sleigh,	5.00
M. S. Ackerman, error in invoice,	8.41
Alvah Gray, sawing wood for town house,	.75
C. P. Martin, damage to plow,	.75
J. P. Martin, cleaning town hall,	1.75
W. F. Simonds, wood for town hall,	4.50
Warren Tucker, bounty on crows,	1.80
Ned Mathews, " "	1.40
O. S. Gale, 2 inventory books,	1.50
" " blacksmithing and iron,	10.92
C. E. Davis, labor on Healey cemetery,	2.25
Warren Tucker, expenses to Plymouth in May and Nov.,	6.00
W. F. Simonds, services as moderator,	1.25
J. B. Sanborn, receipt book,	1.25
J. W. Preston, stationery,	.50
Horace Saunders, powder, fuse and nails,	7.14
W. F. Simonds, for getting deed recorded,	.67
Fling & Chase, retaining fee for 1882 and services collect- ing aid from County on Sugar Loaf road,	38.20
L. W. Fling, retaining fee, 1881,	20.00
W. F. Simonds, lock and clasp for wood room,	.50
E. M. Tenney, repairing hearse,	.50
G. A. Bullock, expences to Concord to pay state tax,	3.25
A. F. Cheney, school books for poor children,	4.11
Warren Tucker, bounty on crow,	.10
R. W. Musgrove, printing check-list,	4.50
Committee to re-district the town,	22.50
E. C. Merrill, services collecting,	47.53
" " sale of non-resident real estate,	8.25
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	\$354.93

Paid for Highways and Bridges.

Hosea Hartford, breaking roads and money paid,	\$3.48
Coffrin Patten, labor on highway,	1.37

Wm. Thissell, labor on highway and cutting drifts,	\$12.20
Calvin D. Sanborn, breaking roads and money paid,	5.23
Japheth Gray, " "	.60
B. H. Brailey, " "	1.26
John F. Cloudman, " "	1.56
Gilbert A. Bullock, labor on highway,	1.08
J. W. Saunders, lumber and plank,	62.03
S. S. Patten, " "	54.91
Sherburne Tilton, labor on highway,	.68
B. C. Gray, " "	1.80
C. E. Davis, labor on McMurphy hill and money paid,	10.10
W. F. Simonds, labor on highway and money paid,	15.87
Warren Tucker, labor on steam mill road,	2.40
G. A. Rollins, labor on highway and money paid,	6.57
James Berry, lumber for bridge,	6.33
C. W. Butrick, breaking roads, labor on highway and money paid,	13.22
Daniel McMurphy, labor and lumber for bridge,	5.00
A. A. Welton, labor on highway and money paid,	70.45
J. H. Patten, " " "	28.09
J. G. Tenney, " " "	47.87
I. P. Hardy, labor and lumber,	20.58
B. H. Braley, labor on highway and money paid,	34.72
S. D. Gray, " "	2.43
H. S. Perkins, " "	39.88
O. S. Gale, " "	129.99
H. S. Perkins, labor on bridges,	25.50
H. Blake, labor on bridge,	6.00
J. G. Tenney, labor on bridges,	22.50
C. H. Gale, breaking roads,	1.20
M. C. Mathews, labor on highway,	5.08
J. P. Martin, " bridge,	13.00
Lewis Pattee, " highway,	21.50
Coffrin Patten, " " and money paid,	71.25
J. W. Saunders, lumber and plank,	41.00
G. A. Bullock, labor on highway and money paid,	39.54
G. W. Gray, " "	31.42
R. S. Gray, " "	24.85

S. W. Knowles, labor on highway and money paid,	\$28.68
J. M. Sleeper, " "	23.07
S. O. Knowles, lumber and labor on bridge,	7.00
E. W. Lock, labor on bridge,	3.00
F. E. Berry, labor on highway and money paid,	30.25
A. N. McMurphy, " "	17.38
M. S. Akerman, " "	9.42
Warren Tucker, labor on Gove bridge,	14.00
Wm. Thissell, cutting out drifts,	1.44
E. L. Gifford, labor on highway and money paid,	42.38
John W. Atwood, labor on bridges,	11.25
L. S. Gordon, " highways,	4.10
John F. Cloudman, " " and money paid,	25.63
L. E. Heath, " " " "	37.04
N. J. Akerman, drawing plank,	1.25
Hosea Hartford, labor on highway and money paid,	4.07
C. N. Plumer, " " "	14.78
W. F. Simonds, " bridges,	11.50
J. F. Phillips, " highway and money paid,	48.90
J. F. Vose, " " "	26.05
P. D. Bailey, " " "	27.32
J. F. Phillips, " " and bridge,"	10.70
P. W. Akerman, " " "	32.85
J. W. Atwood, " " "	7.65
W. L. Pitman, " " "	35.92
Amos Seavey, shoveling drifts,	2.07
John Clark, labor on highway and money paid,	25.50
L. L. Thomas, " " "	15.22
H. J. Welton, " " "	4.65
P. T. Akerman, drawing plank,	1.25
W. H. Folsom, bridge "	21.41
E. T. Hutchins, " " and timber,	16.13
A. J. Gove, labor on highway and money paid,	12.41
Harvey Lock, " " "	56.53
O. S. Gale, " " "	4.87
Harvey Lock, " on bridge,	16.50
George Sanborn, " on highway and money paid,	32.24
Warren Tucker, " on bridges,	10.75

S. S. Patten,	labor on highway,	\$5.00
M. S. Akerman,	" "	7.00
E. T. Bailey,	drawing lumber,	6.00
J. P. Berry,	bridge plank,	1.78
G. S. Verrill,	drawing lumber,	1 50
Aaron Clark,	labor on highway and money paid,	26.57
Horace Keyser,	" "	5.94
E. C. Merrill,	" " "	43.62
G. S. Bailey,	use of wheels on bridge,	2.50
Woodbury Sleeper,	labor on Sugar Loaf road,	4.50
S. W. Knowles,	breaking roads,	1.80
S. E. Knowles,	" money paid,	24.96
H. S. Perkins,	" "	2.91
J. H. Patten,	" money paid,	36.36
O. J. Clough,	" "	7.20
Coffrin Patten,	" "	6.96
C. N. Plumer,	" "	4.32
A. A. Welton,	" "	10.69
G. S. Fisher,	labor on highway,	14.15
Aaron Clark,	breaking roads,	12.48
G. W. Gray,	" "	13.34
L. L. Thomas,	" "	13.72
W. L. Pitman,	" "	11.94
John M. Sleeper,	" "	14.50
P. W. Akerman,	" "	16.02
G. A. Bullock,	" "	15.60
A. J. Gove,	" "	8.40
J. I. Herrin,	" "	3.42
John F. Vose,	" "	9.68
J. F. Phillips,	" "	15.18
Horace Keyser,	" "	12.84
Amos Seavey,	labor on steam mill road,	2.40
Calvin Martin,	breaking roads,	9.00
L. S. Gordon,	" "	6.48
T. D. Bailey,	" money paid,	18.95
E. L. Gifford,	" "	16.41
Lewis Pattee,	" "	6.60
L. E. Heath,	" "	9.45

B. H. Brailey, breaking roads and money paid,	\$9.96
S. B. Sleeper, " "	8.28
C. W. Tucker, lumber for bridge,	1.34
H. B. Perkins, " "	1.82
E. C. Merrill, breaking road and money paid,	16 08
M. C. Mathews, " "	2.28
John Sanborn, " "	2.40
John Clark, " money paid,	25.32
F. B. Swain, " "	1.74
John F. Brock, " "	16.08
E. R. Scruton, " "	6.60
J. P. Martin, timber for dray,	.25
F. E. Berry, breaking roads and money paid,	15.54
Harvey Lock, " "	19.89
A. N. McMurphy, " "	4.89
C. L. Dalton, lumber for bridge,	3.00
O. S. Gale, breaking roads and money paid,	14 57
G. F. Sanborn, " "	5.58
Saunders Simonds, loam for repairing highway,	3.35
J. M. Sleeper, labor on highway,	1 20
F. H. Bartlett, " "	6.00
Rufus Hill, " "	2.12

\$2,176.16

Abatement of Taxes.

Chas. Keyser, use of watering trough,	\$3.00
James Berry, " " "	2.50
W. A. Cloudman, poll tax for 1882,	2.20
L. F. Blake, use of watering trough,	1.50
P. W. Akerman, " "	2.50
Warren L. Pitman, " "	1.00
Mary A. Tyman, " "	3.00
O. S. Gale, " "	3.00
F. N. Healey, " "	2.00
S. W. Knowles, loss of buildings,	8.21
J. K. Flanders, use of watering trough,	2.00
J. F. Phillips, taxes 14 sheep,	.72
D. M. Durgin, use of watering trough,	3.00

Fred Langley, poll tax and dog for 1882,	\$3 20
Sam Gale, " 1882,	2.20
Anson Buxton,	4.22
Benjamin Perkins,	2 20
A. J. Cross,	2.59
S. A. Tappan,	2.20
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	\$51.24

Paid for County Paupers.

Catherine Peaslee, support of Anna Batchelder,	\$4.00
" " " " "	5.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	27.00
Catherine Peaslee, support of Anna Batchelder,	4.00
" " " " "	4.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	24.00
Catherine Peaslee, support of Anna Batchelder,	5.00
C. H. Dicey, making clothes for Brailey children,	3.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	27.00
Stephen W. Knowles, support of Parker Knowles,	12.00
John Seavey, support of Mary Seavey,	10.00
I. J. Brown, board and car fare Margaret Cunningham,	8.05
Catherine Peaslee, support of Anna Batchelder,	4.00
" " " " "	2.15
S. W. Knowles, support of Parker Knowles,	10.00
G. A. Robie, coffin for Anna Batchelder,	12.00
H. T. Alexander, goods furnished Mary Seavey,	6.00
Horace Saunders, " Brailey family,	7.93
Stephen W. Knowles, support of Parker W. Knowles,	4.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	27.00
John Seavey, support of Mary Seavey,	4.00
Fowler & Calley, medical attendance to Mary Seavey,	7.00
John Seavey, aid furnished Mary Seavey,	1.00
S. W. Knowles, support of Parker Knowles,	9.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	27.00
C. W. Scott, M. D., medical attendance to Chas. Brailey,	10.00
S. W. Knowles, support of Parker Knowles,	7.00
Jonathan Scruton, aid rendered family,	21.00

G. A. Bullock, goods furnished Brailey family,	\$3.45
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	\$295.58

Paid for Town Paupers.

J. H. Patten, support of feeble minded boy,	\$9.00
Thomas Hutchins, " " "	27.75
J. H. Patten, " " "	9.75
Thomas Hutchins, " " "	11.25
J. H. Patten, " " "	10.50
Thomas Hutchins, " " "	9.75
Thomas Pewsey, support of M. M. Page,	6.55
J. H. Patten, " feeble minded boy,	9.75
Thomas Hutchins, " " "	6.75
Thomas Pewsey, " M. M. Page,	6.20
W. F. Simonds, shirts for " "	.65
Thomas Pewsey, support of " "	6.00
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	\$113.90

Town Officers' Bills.

Warren Tucker, Selectman,	\$80.62
Chas. E. Davis, "	75.00
W. F. Simonds, "	58.50
Supervisors' services for 1882,	32.00
G. A. Bullock, Treasurer,	25.00
A. F. Cheney, S. S. Committee,	30.00
O. S. Gale, Town Clerk,	20.00
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	\$321.12

RECAPITULATION.

Amt. received,		\$7,808.45
Paid County tax,	\$753.09	
State tax,	488.00	
Several school districts,	797.02	
School House tax district No. 1,	207.20	
" " " " 3,	10.00	
On notes,	659.21	
Miscellaneous,	354.93	
Abatements,	51.24	
County paupers,	295.58	
Town "	113.90	
Highways and bridges,	2,176.16	
Town officers,	321.12	
Notes in treasury,	1,069.65	
Cash "	511.35	
	<hr/>	\$7,808.45

List of Notes due from the Town.

James Crawford,	\$592.61
C. W. Butrick,	312.20
E. C. Merrill,	208.14
Lydia Merrill,	234.16
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	\$1,347.11

Due the Town.

James W. Saunders,	\$351.48
L. F. Blake,	351.48
W. H. Noyes,	375.04
J. F. Phillips,	44.29
A. F. Cheney,	14.31
C. E. Davis,	21.59
W. H. Noyes, insuring buildings,	9.00
County of Grafton,	78.45
C. G. Holman, tax and charges on sale of real estate,	10.20
E. C. Merrill, note,	175.32
State, bounty on wild animals,	.10
Chas. Batchelder, taxes and charges on sale of real estate,	3.90
Geo. T. Gale, " " " "	4.35
Willis Wells, stove,	1.00
J. G. Tenney, clothes of B. C. Sleeper,	3.00
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	\$1,443.51
Cash in Treasury,	511.35
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	\$1,954.86

Financial Standing of the Town March 1, 1883.

Amount due the town,	\$1,954.86
Amount due from the town,	1,347.11
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Balance in favor of the town,	\$607.75

Respectfully submitted,

WARREN TUCKER,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
CHAS. E. DAVIS,	
W. F. SIMONDS,	

of
Alexandria.

R E P O R T
OF THE
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE
FOR THE
T O W N O F A L E X A N D R I A ,
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

DISTRICT No. 1.

This district has had two terms of school the past year. The first term commenced May 22d and closed June 23d, taught by Miss MINA HILL of Bristol. I visited this school during the first week and found 8 scholars present who appeared well. I visited this school again near the close of the term and found that the scholars had been interested in their studies and by being helped by the teacher, who seemed to labor for the good of the school, had made good progress in their studies. Whole number of scholars, 11 ; whole number studying reading, 11 ; spelling, 11 ; penmanship, 4 ; arithmetic, 6 ; geography, 1 ; grammar, 1 ; book-keeping, 1. Roll of honor : May L. Butrick, Howard Heath.

Fall term commenced Sept. 4th and closed Oct. 13th and was taught by Miss MYRA H. HASKINS of Danbury. I visited this school the first week of the term and found 12 scholars, some of them not being present at the first term. In this school I found two different kinds of reading books used as were also of grammars. The school appeared quite well. I visited this school again near the close of the term and found that some of the scholars had made remarkable progress, especially in reading, and that all had made good progress in all their studies.

The order was very good. One scholar, for some means, did not attend school long enough to be reckoned as a scholar. There were no names on the roll of honor. Whole number of scholars, 11 ; whole number studying reading, 11 ; spelling, 11 ; penmanship, 5 ; arithmetic, 7 ; geography, 4.

DISTRICT No. 2.

One term of school of 13 weeks, commencing Sept. 4 and ending Nov. 29, taught by Miss ADDIE M. DRAKE of Bristol. This was not Miss Drake's first term in town and we hope it will not be her last. I visited this school near the first of the term and found 17 scholars present with three different kinds of readers, besides one class reading in a history. The school appeared well, with some good scholars, while some appeared as though they could not learn easily or had never tried very hard for an education. I visited this school again on the last day, and think there have been but few schools in town that have made better progress than this. This has been rather a hard school to manage but the teacher seemed to have had good control of the scholars, and kept good order. The examination was highly satisfactory ; the blackboard exercise was good ; the average attendance was small, owing to some scholars leaving town, and others coming in late in the term. Whole number of scholars, 18 ; whole number studying reading, 18 ; spelling, 18 ; penmanship, 14 ; arithmetic, 14, geography, 6 ; grammar, 4 ; physiology, 2 ; algebra, 2. Roll of honor : Etta L. Clifford, Mamie E. Taylor, Harry K. Wells. Miss Julia O. Sanborn was tardy only once.

DISTRICT No. 3.

There have been two terms of school in this district. The first, commencing Aug. 30, and closing Oct. 10, was taught by Miss LUELLA J. LOCKE. I visited the school on the second week of the term and found 6 scholars present, all there are in this district. This is one of the quietest schools in town. This school being small and having an experienced teacher, who took an interest in her scholars, they seemed to be doing all they could. In this school there are two different kinds of reading books. I visited this school again on the day of clos-

ing and found that the scholars had made full as good progress as I expected they would. Two of the scholars, 1 six and the other 9 years of age, went to the blackboard and wrote their spelling in a manner that could easily be read. The examination was highly satisfactory, and the pupils seemed to thoroughly understand what they had been over. Whole number of scholars, 6 ; whole number studying reading, 6 ; spelling, 6 ; penmanship, 6 ; arithmetic, 6 ; geography, 5 ; grammar, 1 ; history, 6. Roll of honor : Alice M. Keyser, Josie V. Mathews, Ned A. Mathews.

The second term was taught by Miss LUCY NELSON of Bristol, commencing Nov. 6 and closing Jan. 3. I visited this school during the second week of the term and found all the scholars present. They appeared to be making good progress with their studies, the vacation being so short they went to work where they left off, and nothing seemed to be lost. I also visited it again on the forenoon of the last day, and made an examination, which was highly satisfactory to me. The pupils had been thorough in their studies, and nearly every question was correctly answered ; all the problems worked on the board seemed to be thoroughly understood. The same number of scholars attended school as in the first term. Whole number studying reading, 6 ; spelling, 6 ; penmanship, 6 ; arithmetic, 6 ; geography, 5 ; grammar, 1 ; drawing, 1. Roll of honor : Dick Burns, Frank Keyser, Ned Mathews.

DISTRICT No. 4.

There were two terms of school in this district, both of which was taught by Miss ALICE R. FORD, of Danbury, the first term commenced Aug. 21 and closed Oct. 13. I visited this school during the first week and found 14 scholars present ; some of them were small and restless while in school. The teacher seemed to try to keep good order, but did not succeed as well as I could have wished. The lessons were, with a few exceptions quite well learned. Found four different reading books used in this school, and two or more different geographies. I found that they could be classed, and requested them to get Harper's geography and found on my next visit that they had

done so. I visited the school again near the close and found 15 scholars, they all appeared well and had their lessons quite well; the examination was satisfactory. Whole numbers of scholars, 21; whole number studying reading, 21; spelling, 21; penmanship, 10; arithmetic, 14; geography, 9; grammar, 3; history, 1; composition, 3; algebra, 1. Roll of honor: Willie J. Atwood, Dix L. Bailey, Leon E. Blake, Vernon Blake, Harry Sleeper, Wilbert R. Sleeper, Lilla B. Simons.

The second term commenced Oct. 30 and closed Dec. 8. This school was in the third week when I visited it. I found 14 scholars present; some of them are good scholars, and had their lessons well learned while others either did not try, or could not learn their lessons, and their examination was very unsatisfactory. I visited the school again on the last day and found a marked improvement among scholars present. Some of the scholars had left the school, but those that remained seemed to have become interested and tried hard to learn. The examination was satisfactory; the greatest fault was not too good order. Whole number of scholars, 17; whole number studying reading, 17; spelling, 17; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 11; geography, 7; grammar, 3; history, 1; composition, 3; algebra 2. Roll of honor: Jennie C. Bajley, Lilla B. Simonds, Minnie Blake, Luttie H. Bailey, Leon E. Blake, Wilbert Sleeper.

DISTRICT No. 5.

There were two terms of school in this district, both being taught by Miss Sarah L. Plumer. The first term commenced May 1st, and closed June 27th. I visited this school on the first week of the term, and found 15 scholars. This school like number 4 was comprised mostly of small scholars, and made considerable noise, but were controlled by the teacher so that the order was quite good, but made the school appear bad. The most of the scholars seemed to be interested in their work, and trying hard to learn. I visited this school near the close of the term, and found that the scholars had made good progress with their studies. The examination was satisfactory, and the blackboard exercise was excellent; the problems were nicely worked and explained. Whole number of scholars, 21;

whole number studying reading, 21 ; spelling, 21 ; penmanship, 19 ; arithmetic, 19 ; geography, 14 ; grammar, 3 ; algebra, 1. Roll of honor : Abbie M. Bullock, Nellie M. Burpee, Eva L. Bullock, Cora M. Hazelton, Lou B. Phillips, Georgia A. Powers, Harry A. Blood.

The second term commenced Aug. 14 and closed Sept. 30. I visited this school in the second week and found 19 scholars ; all appeared well and very much interested in their lessons, and seemed to try to learn all they could. I found two different reading books used in this school. I did not have the privilege of visiting this school again as it closed sooner than was expected owing to sickness of the teacher. Miss Plumer informs me that the scholars made good progress, and learned well. One scholar left the first term before the school closed. Whole number of scholars, 22 ; whole number studying reading, 22 ; spelling, 22 ; penmanship, 19 ; arithmetic, 19 ; geography, 13 ; grammar, 3 ; algebra, 1. Roll of honor : Abbie M. Bullock, Georgia A. Bullock, Nellie M. Burpee, Nellie L. Hazelton, Lou B. Phillips, Georgia A. Powers, Delia A. Powers, Inis F. Saunders, Eva L. Bullock, Charles S. Gray, Allie H. Gray, Charles B. Griffin, Willie A. Phillips, L. Herbert Phillips.

DISTRICT No. 6.

There was but one term of school which commenced Oct. 11 and closed Jan. 3, taught by Miss SARAH L. PLUMER. I visited this school during the first week and found 10 scholars who seemed very much interested in their lessons. The general appearance of the school was good. In this school there are three different reading books used. I visited the school again at the close, and found every scholar in the district present, and that the interest manifested at my first visit had not abated, but the scholars had kept right on, and made great advancement in their studies. The examination was highly satisfactory ; I think nearly every question asked was correctly answered. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; whole number studying reading, 10 ; spelling, 10 ; penmanship, 10 ; arithmetic, 9 ; geography, 8 ; grammar, 6 ; history, 2 ; composition, 8. Roll of honor : Lilian S. Emery, Addie M. Tenney, Christie G. Vose.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Two terms of school; first term commenced May 15 and closed June 23d, taught by Miss LAURA B. SANBORN. I visited this school during the first week of the term; found 18 scholars present. The examination was not very satisfactory; I thought that some of the scholars really knew more than they could tell about their lessons. I visited this school on the last day of the school and found but 15 scholars. Found they had made some improvement but not so much as I wished to have seen, although they did very well, and very much better than on my first visit. Somehow I thought they did not get very much interested in their lessons. Whole number of scholars, 20; whole number studying reading, 20; spelling, 20; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 16; geography, 14; grammar, 3; history, 2. Roll of honor: Emma Alexander, Ida Braley, Delia Thomas, Anges Alexander, Dora Patten, Scott Dicey, George Dicey.

Second term commenced Sept. 11 and closed Nov. 10, taught by EDWARD M. GRIFFIN. I visited this school on the first week of the term and found 14 scholars present, who seemed to be interested in their studies, and I thought the school bid fair to be a success; order was good and the examination satisfactory. There are three different readers used here. I visited this school again near the close of the term and found 9 scholars present; the order was good and the scholars appeared well in all but the examination, which was very unsatisfactory. The pupils had been over pages enough but still they did not seem to understand what they had been over. Fully twenty-five per cent. of the question asked were not correctly answered. The blackboard exercise was under the average, but few did their problems without help, and still I gave them quite easy ones. Six scholars left school before the close of the term. Whole number of scholars, 16; whole number studying reading, 16; spelling, 16; arithmetic, 11; geography, 10; grammar, 2; history, 2. Roll of honor: Emma Alexander, Maggie Alexander.

DISTRICT No. 8.

Had but one term of school which commenced Aug. 28 and closed Nov. 10, taught by Miss S. HATTIE SANBORN, of New.

Hampton. I visited this school during the first week of the term and found 11 scholars, with two different reading books besides a reading class in history. The school appeared quite well, order was good, both teacher and scholars seemed to be interested in their studies. The examination was satisfactory. I visited this school again near the close of the term; most of the scholars appeared well, and seemed to be interested to learn all they could, and seemed to understand what they had been over. The examination was satisfactory, and the blackboard exercise good. Whole number of scholars, 13; Whole number studying reading, 13; spelling, 13; penmanship, 7; arithmetic, 11; geography, 6; grammar, 4; history, 3. Roll of honor: Nellie M. Gray, Bessie R. Scruton, Charlie H. Young.

DISTRICT No. 9.

One term of school taught by Mrs. ALICE D. PERKINS, which commenced Aug. 21 and closed Oct. 27. I visited this school when it had been keeping but a few days, and found 9 scholars present, being all there are in the district; they all appeared well and seemed to have a good start. In this school I found but one kind of reading book used, besides one class using a history as a reading book. I visited this school again at the close and found one of the scholars teaching school, the teacher not being present owing to illness. The school did not show so good an examination as it would have done if the teacher had been present. But the scholars all did well and the examination was satisfactory both to myself and the Prudential Committee, who accompanied me. The scholars had made good progress in their studies, and seemed to understand what they had been over, especially the teacher on the day I visited the school. Whole number of scholars, 9; whole number studying reading, 9; spelling, 9; penmanship, 7; arithmetic, 8; geography, 5; grammar, 1; algebra, 1. Roll of honor—none.

DISTRICT No. 10.

Two terms of school. First term taught by Miss LUCY NELSON, of Bristol, commencing Aug. 14 and closed Oct. 6. I did not visit this school until Aug. 25, then I found the scholars had

got a good start, and seemed very much interested and to understand what they were studying. Found 11 scholars with two different readers. I visited this school again near the close of the term and found that the scholars had made good progress and seemed to fully understand what they had been over. The examination was made mostly by cards, and was satisfactory. The blackboard exercise was good. Whole number of scholars 11; the number taking the different studies not reported by the teacher in the register. Roll of honor: Ida Verrill.

Second term commenced Nov. 6 and closed Dec. 22, taught by Mrs. ALICE D. PERKINS. I did not visit this school until it had been keeping nearly three weeks. Then I found 8 scholars; they were hard at work and had a fine start; all seemed to be interested and all appeared well. The examination was good, except the first class in spelling, which was poor. I visited this school in the last week of the term. The scholars passed a good examination, one that was satisfactory to me. Nearly every question was answered with a promptness that showed they knew what they were talking about. Whole number of scholars 10; whole number studying reading, 10; spelling, 10; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 7; geography, 7. None of the scholars on the roll of honor.

DISTRICT No. 11.

Had but one term of school which commenced Aug. 28 and closed Nov. 9, and taught by Miss CARRIE F. EMMONS, of Danbury. I visited this school Aug. 30th and found 11 scholars, using three different readers. At the time of my visit there was only one study besides reading and spelling in the school. I asked the scholars to take other studies, and found on my next visit that two had taken geography and grammar. Most of these scholars seemed to try to learn all they could. I visited this school again on the last day and found that they had made extra good progress in their studies. The blackboard exercise was good, and the entire examination was most highly satisfactory to me. The progress of the scholars in reading and arithmetic showed plainly that work had been done, both by the teacher and scholars. I think this school

made as good progress in learning as any in town. Whole number of scholars, 15; whole number studying reading, 15; spelling, 15; penmanship, 8; arithmetic, 8; geography, 1; grammar, 1. Roll of honor: Adell F. Gray, George C. Dicey, Scott E. Dicey.

DISTRICT No. 12.

Two terms of school. The first term of six weeks taught by Miss M. A. HATCH, of Manchester. I visited this school near the first of the term and found 10 scholars present; all appeared well, and I thought that the school would be successful. I visited it again near the close of the term, and am sorry to say was very much disappointed in the appearance of the scholars; some of them did not study 30 minutes during the half day I was present; they laughed, whispered, wrote notes and threw them across the room to the other scholars, and but little pains was taken to conceal it. I think some of them did not have enough to do. Apparently the teacher tried to learn the scholars, but the order was so poor that we fear the school was not a successful one. Miss Hatch was hired and the school commenced and kept a week without our being notified of the fact. Whole number of scholars, 14. The teacher did not properly fill the register, so we can not report the number taking the different studies.

Second term taught by Miss LIZZIE B. BISHOP, of Bristol, commenced Sept. 11 and closed Oct. 20. I visited this school Sept. 19, and found 13 scholars, with two different reading books. I took one of them out as they could be classed. The school appeared finely. The scholars were quiet and orderly. I visited this school again on the last day and was not disappointed in the school; it appeared well and I found that the scholars had made good progress in their studies. The examination was satisfactory. The teacher labored hard to make the school a success. Whole number of scholars, 13; whole number studying reading, 13; spelling, 13; penmanship, 6; arithmetic, 7; geography, 6; grammar, 4; book-keeping, 3. Roll of honor: Bert Pearsons, Charlie Twombly.

DISTRICT No. 13.

Had two terms of school, both being taught by Miss MARY

M. Cass, of Bristol. The first term commenced June 5 and closed June 30. I visited this school June 16 and found 8 scholars present. The examination was good; the blackboard exercise the best I had seen. I visited this school again at the close and found all the scholars present. The school appeared well; the examination satisfactory, and showing good progress of the scholars in their studies. The school was a success, and has the cleanest record of any in town, only two scholars being absent or tardy during the term. Whole number of scholars, 9; whole number studying reading, 8; spelling, 8; penmanship, 5; arithmetic, 5; geography, 4; grammar, 3; history, 2; algebra, 1. Roll of honor: Elsie E. Brock, Abbie P. Cloutman, Vira R. Chapman, Belle G. Gray, Florence J. C. Gray, Grace A. Morrow.

Second term commenced Sept. 4 and closed Oct 13. I visited this school during the first week, and found 13 scholars present with one kind of a reader, besides a class reading in history, but there were three different kinds of grammars used. The school appeared well and apparently pains was being taken by the teacher to learn the scholars. I visited this school again at the close and found the scholars had made great improvement in their studies. They had been over a large number of pages and seemed to understand what they had been over. The examination was satisfactory to me, and I believe the school to have been a success. Whole number of scholars, 15; whole number studying reading, 14; spelling, 14; penmanship, 12; arithmetic, 12; geography, 6; grammar, 6; history, 2; algebra, 2. Roll of honor—Grace A. Morrow, Vira R. Chapman, Irena S. Chapman, Leston Brock.

DISTRICT No. 14.

Had two terms of school. The first commenced May 1 and closed June 9. I visited this school May 11, and found three scholars present, who appeared well and seemed to have a good understanding of their lessons. I visited this school again at the close of the term and found more scholars than at my first visit. Those who were present at my first visit had made good progress in their studies. The examination on the whole was

not very satisfactory and the school had not made so good progress as I wished to have seen. Whole number of scholars, 6 ; whole number studying reading, 6 ; spelling, 6 ; penmanship, 3 ; arithmetic, 6 ; geography, 2 ; grammar, 3 ; history, 1. Roll of honor—none. HATTIE A. CLARK, teacher.

Second term taught by Miss LURA M. SLEEPER, commenced Sept. 11 and closed Nov. 17. This district having lost its school house by fire, the school was kept at the house of John Clark. I visited this school Sept. 19, and found 10 scholars using two different kinds of a reader, and one class reading in a history. With the exception of a very few scholars, the school appeared well, and seemed to be trying hard for a learning. I visited this school again at the close and found that the scholars had made good progress. One scholar had left school. The blackboard exercise was good, but the examination was not quite as good as I wished for, yet I think the school was quite successful. The teacher seemed to labor hard for the good of the school, and most of the scholars had really made good progress with their studies. Whole number of scholars, 10 ; whole number studying reading, 10 ; spelling, 10 ; penmanship, 5 ; arithmetic, 9 ; geography, 8 ; grammar, 4 ; algebra, 2. Roll of honor—Blanch E. Clark, Bell C. Clark, Lettie S. Gray, Oscar F. Akerman.

I think that our schools for the past year will compare favorably with the schools of past years. But this is not enough. We must try and make the schools better each year. To do this, we must give them good comfortable houses, and more money, so that the Prudential Committees can hire first-class teachers, and not those who will work for the least amount of money. The Prudential Committees must also exercise great judgment in their selection of teachers ; many have the learning but have not the ability to be good teachers. And here let me say to them : Visit the schools more. The past year there have been but 9 of the Prudential Committees that have taken interest enough in the schools to visit them, and but two of these made more than one visit.

Another thing to make our schools successful is, to have the scholars punctual at school. In one school of eleven weeks one scholar was absent 60 half days, and another, 85 half days. Now these scholars could get but little benefit of that school. Parents, see to it, that your children are ready for school in season, and have them ready for school *every day* unless sickness prevents; and also do all you can to get them interested in the school and their books. Merely sending them to school is not enough; you should, and can, encourage and help them much at home. Also give the teacher your hearty support in all things that are right. We cannot have good schools without good order, and if the teacher has the support of the parents, the scholars are more apt to be orderly in school.

In regard to text books: During the past year we have fulfilled the contract made by Mr. Plumer in regard to spelling books, so that now all the scholars in town using spelling books have them alike. I would call the attention of the next S. S. Committee to the reading books, and suggest to him that some of the readers be taken from the school, leaving but one kind to be used, and that *one* exclusively. The idea of using some United States history for a reading book, is a good one, but they should not take the place of any reader lower than the fourth class. There are also too many kinds of geographies used. Harper's is used mostly, and all the others should be taken entirely from the schools; we have done so when the scholars could be classed better than they were before. I wish to call attention of the Prudential Committee to the fact that they should notify the S. S. Committee, of the commencement and close of schools in their districts, and also to Chap. 89, Sec. 16, of the General Laws, in which it says that, "every teacher at the close of the school and at the end of each term thereof, shall make a return of such register or record to the school committee of the town, who shall give to him a certificate thereof; and no teacher shall receive payment for his services until such certificate is produced and delivered to the prudential committee." If this law was put in force, I think that there would not be so many imperfectly filled

registers returned to the S. S. Committee. All the school statistics of the State must start from the school registers, therefore it is very important that they are properly filled and returned. The past year nine teachers failed to properly fill their register, one even forgetting to write her name in the register. One S. S. Committee suggests the idea "to rank the teachers by their registers, as well as by the schools they keep."

To the tax payers, I would ask, yea, beg of them, not to cut down the amount of money raised for the support of schools, but rather to increase the amount. It is poor economy not to give our children a good education; and our public schools are the stepping stones to affluence and respectability in the world. Give them a good education, and they will take a place in the world that will entitle them to be looked upon as citizens worthy of honor and respect. If you do not feel like raising more school money for the support of schools, you can lengthen the schools out by giving the board; you can at least lengthen the school in this way from one to two months each year.

The roll of honor contains the names of those who have not been absent or tardy during the term. Last year there were 47 different names on the roll of honor; this year 66, an increase of 19. Next year try and make it still larger. Whole number of scholars of this town not less than five years of age, who have attended school two weeks or more 185; number less than five years of age attending school, 4; number of children between 5 and 15 who have not attended school, 9; number of scholars between the ages of 5 and 15 as reported by the selectmen, 126—64 boys and 62 girls. Whole amount of school money, \$797.02, each district having \$56.93. Whole amount of school money last year, \$1,138.76 or \$341.74 more than this year. Number of visits made by S. S. Committee, 46.

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. CHENEY, *S. S. Committee.*

Alexandria, Feb. 27, 1883.

No. of District.	TERM.	TEACHER'S NAME.	Wages per month, including Board.	Length of School in Weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average Attendance.	No. of visits by S. S. Committee.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	No. of visits by citizens.	NAME OF PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.
1	{ Spring. Fall.	Mina Hill.	\$19 20	5	11	*	2		4	Horace Thlen.
2	{ Fall. Fall.	Myra H. Haskins, Addie M. Drake,	20 20 17 40	6	11	7	2	1	5	" "
3	{ Fall. Winter.	*Lucella J. Locke, *Lucy Nelson.	14 00 14 00	13	6	5.55	2	1	6	S. B. Taylor.
4	{ Winter. Fall.	*Alice R. Ford, *Alice R. Ford.	15 00 15 00	8.6	6	5.51	2	1	15	M. C. Mathews.
5	{ Winter. Spring.	Sarah L. Plumer, Sarah L. Plumer.	16 00 20 00	6.1	21	16	3	1	28	G. S. Bailey.
6	{ Spring. Fall.	Sarah L. Plumer, Laura B. Sanborn,	20 00 20 00	7	17	15	2		16	" "
7	{ Winter. Spring.	Sarah L. Plumer, Laura B. Sanborn,	20 00 20 00	8	21	17.485	2		5	E. H. Bullock.
8	{ Spring. Fall.	Edward M. Griffith, S. Harrie Sanborn,	14 00 16 00	12	22	20.76	1		3	" "
9	{ Fall. Fall.	Alice D. Perkins, Alice D. Perkins,	20 00 18 80	9	10	8.724	2	1	18	J. F. Vose.
10	{ Winter. Fall.	Lucy Nelson, Carrie F. Emmons,	18 00 18 00	11	11	8	2		7	L. L. Thomas.
11	{ Spring. Fall.	M. A. Hatch, L. B. Bishop,	18 00 18 00	6	15	13	2	1	4	F. B. Swain.
12	{ Spring. Fall.	Mary M. Cass, Mary M. Cass,	17 60 19 60	4	13	12	2	1	2	Amos Seavey.
13	{ Spring. Fall.	Hattie M. Clark, Lura M. Sleeper,	14 00 16 00	5	15	8	2		20	Warren Tucker.
14	{ Spring. Fall.			10	6	5.64	2	1	3	" "
					10	8.48	2		14	J. E. S. Walker.

*Board given by district.

†Not given by teacher.

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